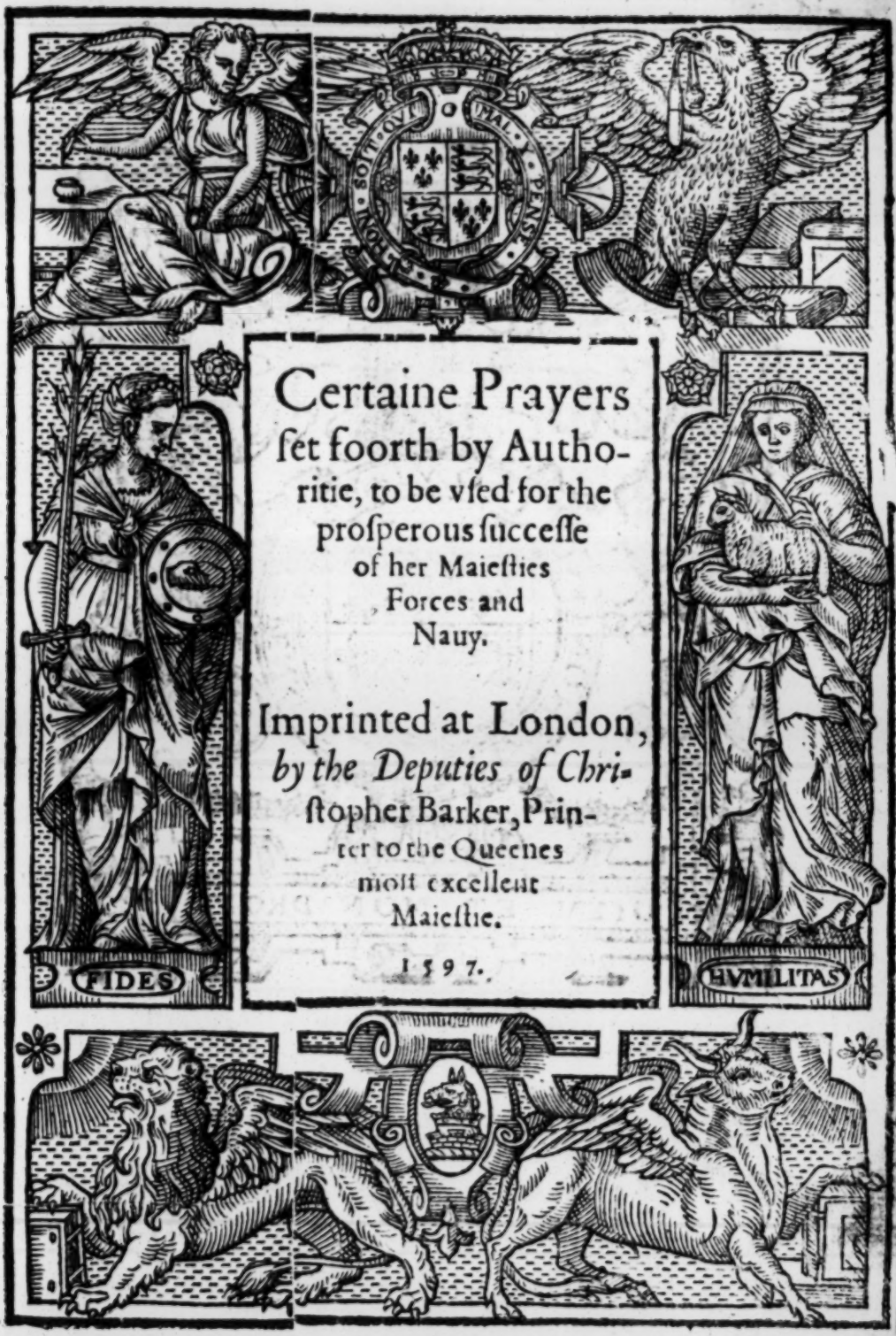

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MOst mighty God and mercifull Father, as hitherto of thyne infinite goodnes thou hast very miraculously protected thy humble Seruant our Soueraigne Lady & Queene, and all vs her subiects the people of her Dominions, frō many dangerous conspiracies, malicious attempts, and wicked designements of her and our very obstinate & implacable enemies: Forasmuch as they still continewing their malice, & preparing their Forces to assaile vs both by Land & Sea, thou (O Lord) to withstand their furie, hast stirred vp

the heart of thine Anoynted our Soue-
raigne, to send out some of her Forces
for our defence: We thine vnworthy ser-
uants doe most humbly beseech thee,
through the merites of our Sauiour
Christ, so to conduct them, encourage
them, and defend them with thy strong
and mightie arme, as that whatsoeuer
they shall attempt and take in hand, for
defence of this Realme against her ene-
mies, may prosper and haue most happy
successe. Direct, leade them (O Lord)
in safetie, strengthen their Gouernours
and Leaders with sound counsell and
valiant resolution. Blesse their conflicts
with notable victories both by Sea and
Land: Preserue them from all contagi-
on and mortalitie, either by Warre or
sicknesse, and giue vnto them (O Lord)
if it be thy blessed Will, such an honoura-
ble and happy returne, as may tend to
our defence by ouerthrow of our enemies,
to the renowme & comfort of our Sou-
ueraigne, to the benefit of thy Church,
to the good of this Kingdome, and to
the prayse and glory of thy most mighty

Name,

Name, through Jesu Christ our Lord: To whome with thee and the holy Ghost bee ascribed all honour, power, and dominion, both nowe and for euer. Amen.

Most mightie GOD, and Lorde of hostes, which reignest ouer all the Kingdomes of the world, who hast power in thine hand to saue thy chosen, & to iudge thine Enemies, and in all ages hast giuen great and glorious Victories vnto thy Church, with small handfuls ouerthrowing great multitudes and terrible Armies: Let thine eares be now attent vnto our prayers, and thy mercifull eye vpon this Realme & kingdome. And as of thine vnspeakeable goodnes, thou hast blessed vs with infinite and extraordinary blessings, all the yeres of her Maiesties most happy reigne ouer vs, and of late hast also myraculously deliuered vs from sundry the bloody practises

practises of our very implacable enemies: So now, We humbly beseech thee (O mercifull Father) to ayde vs with thy mighty Arme in this our present iust cause, waging warre not in pride or ambition of mind, or any other worldly respect, but onely for the necessary defence of Religion, our liues, and Countrey. Be mercifull therefore, O Lord, to our present Forces, and passing ouer both their transgressions and ours, prosper them both by Sea and land. Giue our Leaders & companies, the strength of Unicornes, the hearts of Lyons, armes of steele, hands of iron, and feete of flint, to beate and tread downe all thine enemies and ours. Let thine helpe from aboue at this time strengthen our Nauy and Armie, thy mercie ouershadowe them, thy power as a wall of fire enuyron them, thy wisedome direct them, thy prouidence secure them, thine holy Angels garde them, thy Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ stand vp for them, and thy Justice confound, and Maiestie ouerwhelme all aduersarie power exalting

ting it selfe against this land and thy Gospel. That all the world may know, that it is thy fauour that prospereth, thy blessing that preserueth, and thine arme that ouercommeth in the day of battell. So we that be thy people and sheepe of thy folde, shall sing vnto thy glorie the songs of prayse and thankesgiuing, and magnifie thy goodnesse in the midst of thine holy Temple for euer, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our onely Sauiour and Mediatour. Amen.

O Almightie Lorde God of hostes, it is thine owne gracious promise, that when thy people shall go out to battell against their enemies, by the way ỳ thou shalt send them, & shall call vpon thee for thy holy helpe, that then thou (Lord) wilt heare their prayers in heauen, and iudge their cause: In

assured trust of this thy good promise; we present this our supplication before thee. O Lorde iudge thou our cause; iudge thou betweene vs and our cruell enemies. Thou seest Lorde, that they first inuaded vs, and so doe still continue, and not wee them: that they first conspired to root vs out, that we might be no more a people of English birth, and that then though thou from heauen diddest shew thy selfe, in scattering their proud forces, to be displeased with their attempt, yet notwithstanding by mightie preparations at this present they seeke our ruine still. That which armeth vs, is neither desire of enlarging our owne borders, nor thirst of blood, nor rauine of spoyle, but onely our owne iust defence, onely to breake the power of our enemies, and to turne away the battell from our owne gates: For that if we sit still, and suffer them to gather strength, they will suddenly make a breach vpon vs, and destroy the mother with the children. This they seeke, O Lord, & as thou seest, that the heart of

thine

thine Anointed in all her actions is vpright before thee, so maintaine thou our right, & be enemie to our enemies. Great is their malice (as thou Lord seest) and great is ỹ mischefe they intend against vs. Let not the wicked haue their desire: O Lord, let not their mischieuous imaginations prosper, least they be too proude. And albeit our many and grieuous iniquities may testifie against vs, and iustly deserue, that thou shouldest make the enemies sword the auenger of thy couenant which wee haue broken; Yet deale thou with vs according to thy mercy. O Lord we haue sinned, Lord, doe thou vnto vs what seemeth good in thine eyes. Onely at this time wee pray thee to succour vs, and not make vs a scorne and derision to our oppressers. The rather O Lord, for that wee put not our trust in any strength of our owne, but our eyes looke onely to thee. We know, Lord the battel is thine, and that with thee it is nothing to saue with many or with fewe: for that except thou command the winds, we can not stirre,

and except thou vtterlie with counsell and courage, wee shall not preuaile, and all these are in thine handes to giue or to withholde. Helpe vs, O Lord God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name go we forth against these mightie preparations. O Lorde thou art our God, let not man preuaile against thee: let thine arme rise vp, and put on strength to preserue vs nowe as of olde, euen the same arme that was mightie for vs and against them in their former pride and furie.

Wherefore from thy holy Sanctuarie, O Lorde, open thine eyes and behold, attende thine eare and heare the prayer of thy seruants. Goe forth, O Lord, with our hostes by Sea and by land. Send forth the windes out of thy treasures to bring them to the place appointed. Driue all contagious sicknesse from the midst of them, O Lord the strength of our saluation. Couer their heads in the day of battell. Send thy feare before thy seruants, & make their enemies to flee and fal before them. Let

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thy faith (Lord) make them valiant in battell, and put to flight the Armies of Aliens. And by this shall we know, O Lorde, that thou fauourest vs, in that our enemie doeth not triumph ouer vs, and shall alwayes confesse to the prayse of thy Name, that it was thy hand, and that it was thou, Lord, the shield of our helpe, and sword of our glory, that hast done these great things for vs, and euermore say, Praysed be the Lorde, that hath pleasure in the prosperitie of his seruants. Heare vs, O Lord for the glorie of thy Name, for thy louing Mercie, and for thy trueth sake, euen for the merites and intercession of our Lord Iesus Christ. Amen.

ETernall GOD, in power most mightie, in strength most glorious, without whom the Horse and Chariot is in vaine prepared against the day of battell: vouchsafe (wee beseeche thee) from thy

high throne of Maiestie, to heare and receiue the hearty and humble prayers, which on bended knees, wee the people of thy pasture and sheepe of thy handes, doe in an vnfayned acknowledgement of thy might and our owne weakenesse, powre out before thee on the behalfe of our Gratious Soueraigne, and on the behalfe of her Armies, her Nobles, her Valiants, and men of warre: Who by thee inspired haue put their liues in their hands, and at this time doe oppose themselues, against the malice and violence of such, as beare a mortall hate at thy Sion, and doe dayly conspire and rise vp against it, euen against the Church, thine Anointed, and the people of this her Land. Arise then (O Lord) and stand vp we pray thee, to helpe and defend them: be thou their Captaine to goe in and out before them, and to lead them in this iourney: teache their fingers to fight, and their hands to make battaile. The Generall and Chieftaines bestir with the spirite of Wisedome, counsell, and direction: the

Souldiers

Souldiers with mindes ready to performe and execute. Gird them all with strength, and powre out vpon them the spirite of courage: giue them in the day of battell, hearts like the hearts of Lions, inuincible and fearelesse against euill, but terrible to such as come out against them. Where the enemie doeth rage, and danger approche, be thou (O Lord) a rocke of saluation, and a tower of defence vnto them. Breake the enemies weapons: As smoke vanisheth, so let their enemies be scattered, and such as hate them, flie before them. Thou seest (O Lord) the malice of our aduersaries, howe for thy Name which is called on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy Gospell wherein we reioyce, they beare a tyrannous hate against vs, continually vexing and troubling vs, that faine would liue in peace. Stirre vp therefore (O Lord) thy strength, and auenge our iust quarrell: turne the sword of our enemie vpon his owne head, and cause his delight in warre to become his owne destruction: As thou hast dealt

with

with him heretofore, so now scatter his Forces, and spoile his mighty Ships, in which he trusteth. So shall we the people of thine inheritance, giue praise vnto thy Name, and for thy great mercy giue thankes vnto thee in the great Congregation: yea, the World shall know, and the Nations shall vnderstand to the praise of thy glory, that thou alone defendest them that trust in thee, and giuest victorie vnto Princes. Heare vs (O Lord our strength) in these our prayers for Iesus Christ his sake. Amen.

Almighty GOD, which onely doest great woonders, shewe foorth (wee pray thee) at this time the power of thy might, and the glorie of thy strength, by preserving our Armies at Sea and Land, from death and sickneſſe, and all perils on the Sea, and by helping them in the day

day of battell, against the rage and violence of the Aduersarie. Thou seest (O Lord) that not for any Worldly respects, but for the defence of this Realme, and the peare of thy Church in it, this iourney is vndertaken, to abate & withstand the pride, and to daunt the insolencies of our enemies, who conspire and bandie themselues against vs, breathing out wrath and vtter subuersion. Arise therefore wee pray thee (O Lord of Hostes) vnto our helpe, & let our enemies feele that thou still defendest our iust cause, and in y day of battell doest fight for vs. Not in our owne sword, nor in thy arme of our owne flesh, doe we put our trust, but our trust is in the multitude of thy mercies, & in the strength of thy mightie Arme, who art God alone. Blesse therefore the Chieftaines & Leaders of our bands, with y spirit of wisedome, counsell, and magnanimitie, and the Souldiers with courage and fortitude, to stand vndaunted, and without feare in the day of battell. But as for their enemies, and such as come out against them, cast

a feare & astonishment vpon them, that they may fall, and cover their faces with shame & confusion, That all the worlde may knowe, that thou (O God) resistest the proude and wicked men; and that thou auengest the cause of such, as put their trust in thee. Heare vs, O GOD of Hostes, euen for Christ his sake our only Sauiour and Redeemer. Amen.

GOD most glorious, the shielde of all that trust in thee, who alone doest sende Peace to thy people, and causest warre to cease in all the worlde, Consider the dayly troubles of thy seruants, and beholde the malice of our Aduersaries, who for thy Names sake, which is called on ouer vs; and for the trueth of thy Gospel wherin we reioyce, doe conspire & band themselues against vs, breathing out wrath and vtter subuersion.

uersion, Many a time hath their wrath bene kindled, so that they would haue swallowed vs vp quicke: but by thy power their purpose hath bene frustrated, their counsels preuented, their preparations ouerthrowen, and We deliuered. Yet, O Lorde, their heart is set against vs, still to vexe & trouble vs that faine would liue in peace. But for the quiet of thy Church, and that thine enemies may knowe thee to be a God of mercy, cause them to returne at last, and not any longer to hate those whome thou hast loued: Make them to see that their plotts & deliguements are against thee, who for vs fightest against them, drowning their ships, & casting downe their strong holdes in which they doe trust: that thy Name may be glorified in the day of their conuersion. But if they shall still harden their hearts, and will not vnderstand either our defence, or their owne calamitie to come of thee: Make voyde their deuises, disclose their counsels, discouer their secret complots, that in the snare which they haue layd

for vs, their owne feete may be taken. Finally, O Lord, whensoeuer they prepare themselues to battaile, take the defence of our iust cause into thine hand: Breake their Nauies, disperse their Armies, and cast vpon them a feare and astonishment, that they may tremble at thy presence, and flye before they be pursued: Graunt this O Lord our strength euen for Christ his sake.

Amen.

Eternall God, Lorde of the whole world, Gouernour of Sea and land, who by thy mightie power foretell to what effect thou wilt, the Counsels and actions of all men: graciously vouchsafe to blesse & order vnto happy issue, the

the late begunne worke of our gratious Soueraigne, in the hand of her Nobles and men of warre, nowe sent out by Seas, to withstande the Enemies of her life, her people, and thy Church. As Guide and Generall of the iourney, let it please thee (mightie Lorde of Hostes) to goe in and out before them, with best fore-windes and streightest course to speede and prosper them in the way. And whē thou hast brought them to the appointed place, in a pillar of fire giue light to direct their steps, and in a pillar of a Cloude defend them. Put vpon them thy spirit of Counsell and fortitude, & vnder the banner of thy power and protection, let the worke be effected. Courage and imbolden them in the day of conflict, to stand vndaunted & without feare. Make way and opportunitie for them to attempt with aduantage, and for thy Names sake graunt (O glorious God) to their puissant attempts happy successe in battell, to their battell a ioyfull victorie, and to their victorie a safe and triumphant returne. So will

ve ỹ people of thine inheritance, which
now we pray for the blessing of thy grace
upon them, praise thy Name for euer,
& together with them ascribe both cause
and glory of the worke, not to our owne
strẽgth, but vnto thy power, who alone
giuest victory in the day of battell:
and for thy great mercies will
giue thanks vnto thee in the
midst of the Cõgregation.
Heare vs, O Father,
euen for Christ his
sake. Amen.

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